

## MAKES ITS OWN LAW.

Astounding Revelation of Gerry Society Methods.

Humanitarian Legislators' Confidence Alleged to Have Been Abused.

Habeas Corpus Proceedings To-Day in the Case of Little Joe Mitchell.

The preparations for beginning habeas corpus proceedings made by Elio, Kuehman & Cochran, 20 Cotton Exchange Building, Little Joe Mitchell's lawyers, have brought to light astounding revelations with reference to the Gerry Society's methods in obtaining the enactment of laws to suit that society's convenience.

Mr. Elio, who has left no portion of the law relating to children unscrutinized, said to an *Evening World* reporter this morning: "The laws enacted for the special benefit of the Gerry Society are not only un-constitutional, but are in violation of such security by reason of innumerable amendments, repeals, reenactments and counter repeals, that the society may accomplish almost anything with impunity, relying upon the fog of legislation with which it is wrapped about."

"I have found," continued Mr. Elio, "that wherever the Gerry Society suffers a defeat in the courts, its agents take a run up to Albany, and presto! there is a new law enacted to suit its purposes. We delayed the habeas corpus proceedings in Little Joe's case until today in order to furnish our clients with every scrap of this heterogeneous mass of laws before joining issue with Mr. Gerry in the courts. We are now prepared for him, and I think he is understood that neither Mr. Gerry nor Mr. Jenkins is so confident of the society's ability to get all authority at its disposal."

"Oh, how happy you make me! I will soon have my darling again!"

When the *Evening World* first advocated the cause of Little Joe, two weeks ago, Mr. Gerry and Mr. Jenkins, of the society for the alleged freedom of the child, had made light of the matter and defied any power in the state to take this six-year-old child away from their custody.

"Let the *Evening World* appeal if it dare," said Mr. Gerry, in a representative letter, "but it is understood that neither Mr. Gerry nor Mr. Jenkins is so confident of the society's ability to get all authority at its disposal."

A gentleman who has consulted with several members of the legislature said this morning that the Gerry Society's prestige was broken in Albany, and that it would be a matter of time before the society would be driven to the legislature and there it would be a mere first and second reading.

"That thing is played out," he continued. "The society has been playing its game for such an absolutely humanitarian air that nobody ever questioned the justice of the bill it introduced, and consequently it has managed to outwit the legislature with such ease of legislation that the acutest legal opinion is scarcely strong enough to penetrate there."

At least, although one or two previous cases wherein the society's attitude was questionable made legislators price their ears a little, it was not until the Gerry Society's latest attempt to get a law enacted to give it power in the courts to place a child in its custody, and then it was that the Gerry Society's attitude was questioned. It is the only law in the state which is not a crime, and consequently is not covered by the constitution which forbids placing a person under its jurisdiction.

On the other hand, when the society succeeds in landing its victims, it calls their offense a crime. In this respect they assume a power not given them by the constitution. The court, of course, is not the supreme court, and it is not a crime, just as the law may suit the society's convenience.

The Anti-Gerry Society, which is through its lawyer, Assemblyman Stein, getting together the evidence which will result in the arrest of the powers either actually conferred by the legislature or the arrogated by the society for the alleged prevention of truancy to children.

## AHERN'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Cut Himself with a Razor While Visiting His Brother.

Bartholomew Ahern, a carpenter, forty-seven years old and living at 219 East Thirty-sixth street, attempted suicide early this morning at the home of his brother John, who lives on the second floor of 174 East Nineteenth street.

Bartholomew came to visit his brother last night. John was out, and when he came home he found Bartholomew asleep on the sofa. He left him sleeping and went to bed. About a clock this morning he was awakened by his brother calling him. He got up and found Bartholomew lying on the sofa, bleeding from a cut in the left wrist. He had attempted suicide by cutting himself with a razor.

A doctor was called in and dressed the wound, which was a deep laceration. Bartholomew was removed to the Presbyterian hospital, a physician.

He has been sick for some time and his attempted suicide was doubtless due to a fit of despondency brought on by illness. He is married and has a wife and three children.

## A GRAND ARMY TRIAL.

Court of Inquiry Sitting on Post-Commander Fred Cachen.

A G. A. R. Court of Inquiry convened today in the Auditorium Theatre, Williamsburg, to investigate charges against Commander Fred Cachen, of Henry Miller Post, No. 28.

The court comprises Senior Vice-Department Commander William Wilson, Jr., of Post 170, through Commander Cachen's influence a circular was published referring to the charges to Dr. E. J. Smith, Commander of Post 435. Challenges to fight a duel were interchanged, but the men never met.

The court of inquiry is still being closed.

## RICH SILKS. Misses' Suits

150 pieces of Lyons PRINTED CHINA SILKS, patterns in large and small effects, 22 inches wide, all the best shades suitable for waists and dress purposes. The cheapest lot of Silks offered this season. Price 27c.

50 pieces Imported PRINTED SATIN STRIPED SURAHs, beautiful line of colorings and designs. These goods will be sacrificed at 49c.

25 pieces Massauil PEKIN BROCADED SILK with colored satin stripes. In all the latest designs and exquisite colorings. While these goods last we sell them at 49c.

The demand for our line of BLACK TAFFETAS, with colored satin stripes, has been so great that we have decided to run them again on MONDAY only at 69c.

2,000 yards SILK CHANGABLE VELVETS, worth \$1.25 a yard, at 69c.

6TH AVENUE AND 23D STREET.

\$500,000 FOR THE CATHEDRAL.

The Name of the Donor Not Yet Known.

Bishop Potter could not be found this morning, and therefore the report that he was in possession of a check for \$500,000 towards the building fund of the new Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, could neither be substantiated nor denied.

The name of the donor is not stated. It is said that the money comes from a wealthy New Yorker.

D. Willis James, John Jacob Astor and Cornelius Vanderbilt have already donated \$100,000 apiece to the Building Fund of the new Cathedral, which at present aggregates something over \$400,000. It is estimated that the cost of the completed Cathedral will be \$1,000,000.

The new Cathedral of St. John the Divine is to be erected on the site of the Leake and Watts Organ Building, one hundred and tenth street and Columbus avenue. It will be 220 feet in length, and its centre spire will stretch to a height of 440 feet. It will be the most imposing church in the country beyond a doubt. The architects say it will take twelve years to build.

Hence interest in the rumored gift is at its height. Episcopalians, clergymen and laymen are all anxious to know the name of the donor.

The Trustees of the new Cathedral are Bishop Potter, Rev. Dr. W. R. Hamilton, Rev. Dr. D. W. Greer, George M. Wilson, Mr. Stephen P. Nash, Cornelius Vanderbilt and A. Roosevelt Roosevelt.

## STOLE DIAMONDS AND SILK.

Lizzie Stein's Lover Believed to Be the Real Culprit.

NEWARK, Nov. 22.—Lizzie Stein was arrested here at an early hour this morning, charged with stealing \$1,000 worth of diamonds and a quantity of silk from her employer, Mrs. Reese, of 11 Lawrence street.

It is supposed that she is the lover of the girl who stole the goods, which included a Tiffany brooch worth \$500, and earrings worth \$100.

## AFFAIRS IN WALL STREET.

Trading Grows Lively Again and Prices Move Up.

WALL STREET, Tuesday, Nov. 22.—Stock speculation dragged during the first hour of business. The bears tried hard to get prices down, diverting their attention more particularly to the Grangers.

## The Quotations.

American Sugar Ref.	100 1/2	100 1/2
American Cotton Oil	43 1/2	43 1/2
American Petroleum	43 1/2	43 1/2
Rockefeller's	43 1/2	43 1/2
Standard Oil	43 1/2	43 1/2
Union Pacific	112 1/2	112 1/2
Chicago & North Western	112 1/2	112 1/2
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